

**Phosphate Mining – Benefits of Sector Addition** (comment made on 10-06-2011)

Earthworks urges the EPA to add phosphate mining to the TRI program, and require reporting of discharges, particularly selenium. The impacts of selenium to water quality, fish, wildlife, and livestock are well documented, with multiple examples of livestock fatalities from phosphate mining in Idaho, and serious impacts to fish and wildlife. Communities should have ready access to information about the extent of harmful pollutants in and around where they live, work and recreate. It's vital that the EPA add phosphate mining to this list, so that the public has information about selenium releases in and around their communities.